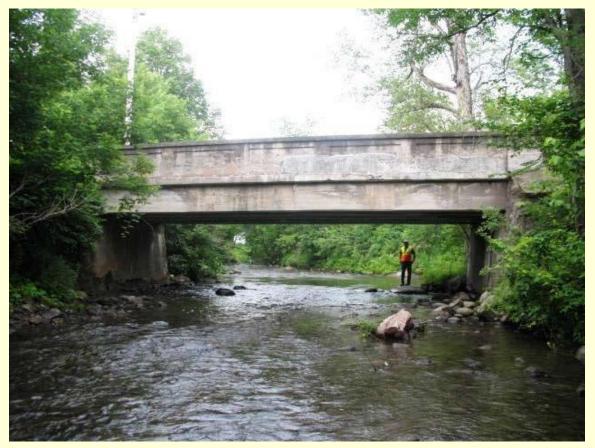
# Strafford BF 0177(10) Bridge 29 on VT Route 132 (FAS 177) over the West Branch of Ompompanoosuc River Alternatives Presentation



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#### **PROJECT LOCATION**



# Meeting Outline

- Purpose of the Meeting
- Structures Section Re-organization
- Existing bridge deficiencies
- Alternatives considered
- Summary and recommendation
- Next Steps

# Purpose of Meeting

- Present the alternatives that we have considered
- Explain the constraints to the project
- Help you understand our approach to the project
- Provide you with the chance to ask questions
- Provide you with the chance to voice concerns
- Build consensus for the recommended alternative-

# Accelerated Bridge Program

- Began in January 2012
- Bridges are deteriorating faster than we can fix them
- Short-term closures are key
- Impacts to property and resources is minimized
- Less impacts = less process = less money = faster delivery
- Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) is very efficient
- Shift from individual projects to programmatic approach
- Accelerated Project Delivery is the result
- Goal of 25% of projects into Accelerated Bridge Program
- Goal of 2 year design phase for ABP (5 years conventional)

## Project Initiation & Innovation Team

- Part of re-organization in January 2012
- Currently team of 5
- All projects will begin in the PIIT
- Very efficient process
- Look for innovative solutions whenever possible
- Involved until Project Scope is defined
- Hand off to PM to continue Project Design phase

# Phases of Development

Project Project Contract
Funded Defined Award
Project Definition Project Design Construction

Identify resources & constraints

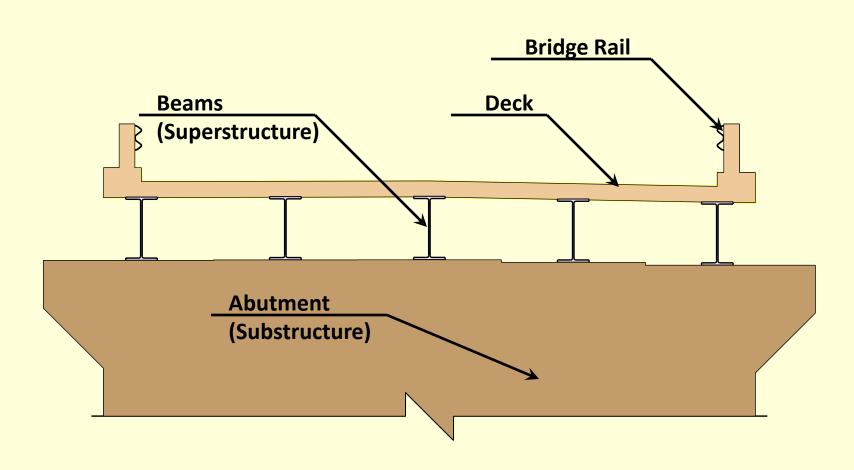
**Evaluate alternatives** 

**Public Participation** 

**Build Consensus** 

- Quantify areas of impact
- •Environmental permits
- Develop plans, estimate and specifications

# Description of Terms Used



# Project Background

- The structure is owned and maintained by the Town
- VT Rte 132 (FAS 177) is a Class 2 Town Highway
- Functionally labeled as a Rural Major Collector
- Posted Speed = 25 mph (Design Speed)
- Existing bridge is a single span concrete T-Beam
- Span length = 46 feet
- Bridge Width = 20.6 feet
- The bridge was built in 1923 (90 years old)

# Traffic Data

|                              | "Current Year" 2016 | "Design Year"<br>2036 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Average Annual Daily Traffic | 1,400               | 1,500                 |
| Design Hourly Volume         | 180                 | 190                   |
| Average Daily Truck Traffic  | 65                  | 110                   |
| %Trucks                      | 3.7                 | 6.0                   |

#### **EXISTING BRIDGE DEFICIENCIES**

**Inspection Rating Information (Based on a scale of 9)** 

Bridge Deck Rating 4 Poor

Superstructure Rating 7 Good

Substructure Rating 5 Fair

#### **Rating Definitions**

9 Excellent

**8 Very Good** 

7 Good

**6 Satisfactory** 

5 Fair

4 Poor

**3 Serious** 

2 Critical

1 Imminent Failure

#### **Deficiencies**

- •The bridge is structurally deficient with a poor deck rating
- The lane and shoulder widths are substandard
- The horizontal and vertical geometry is substandard
- The bridge is undersized hydraulically

## **Looking South over Bridge**



## **Looking North over Bridge**

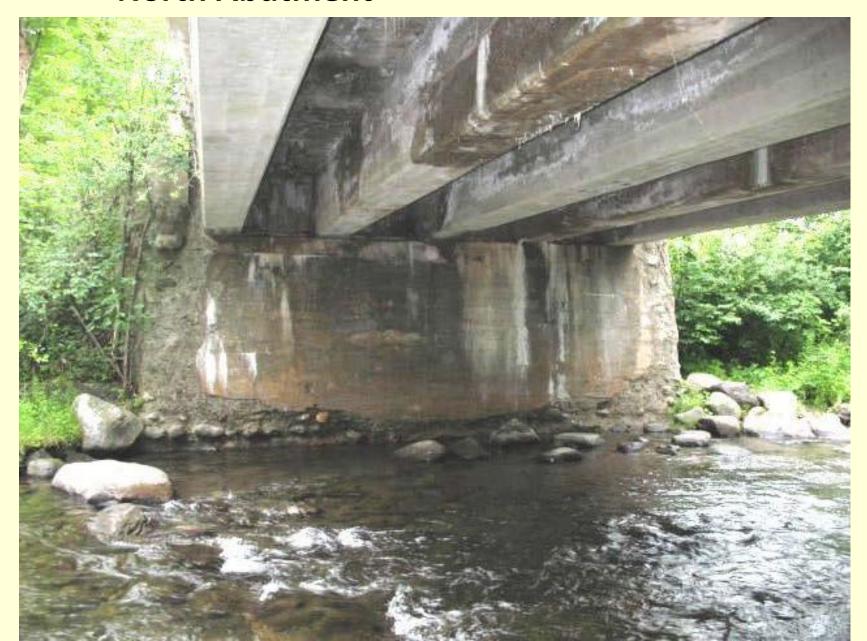


## **Underside of Deck**

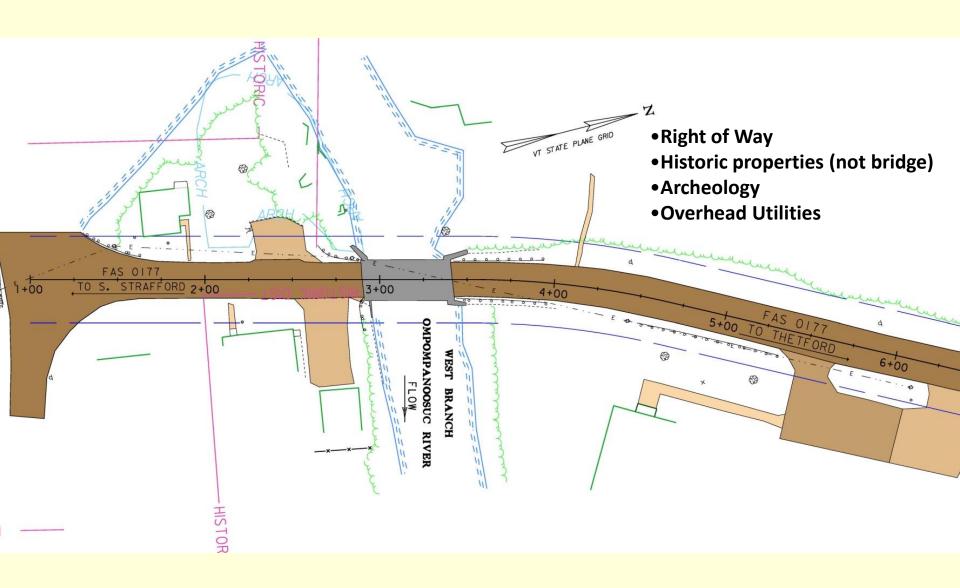




#### **North Abutment**



# **Layout Showing Constraints**



## **Alternatives Considered**

- Rehabilitation Patching
- Full bridge replacement

Note: The method to maintain traffic during construction will be considered separately later in the presentation

## **Rehabilitation Details**

- Patching/Repair of deck and substructures
- Cathodic protection to mitigate deterioration

#### Advantages include:

- Small investment
- Project can be developed quickly
- Minimal impact to properties and environment

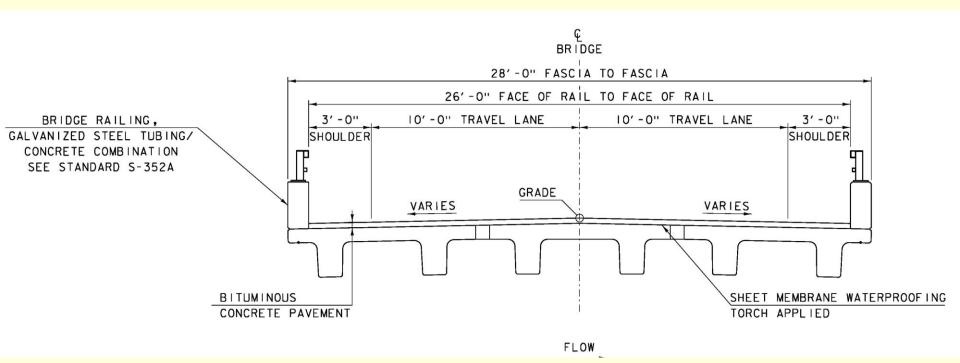
#### Disadvantages include:

- Short-term fix
- Only addresses structural problems
- Other substandard features would remain

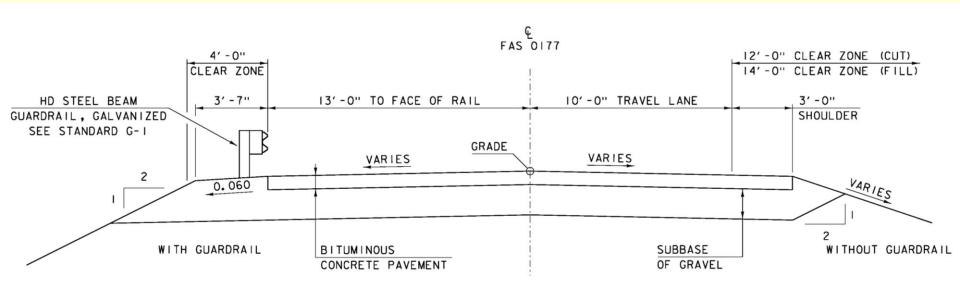
## Full Bridge Replacement Details

- Complete Bridge replacement warranted
- 60' span w/ substructure on steel H piles
- 26' width between face of rail
- Maintain existing centerline of bridge
- Maintain approximate vertical grade of bridge
- Long term (80 year) solution

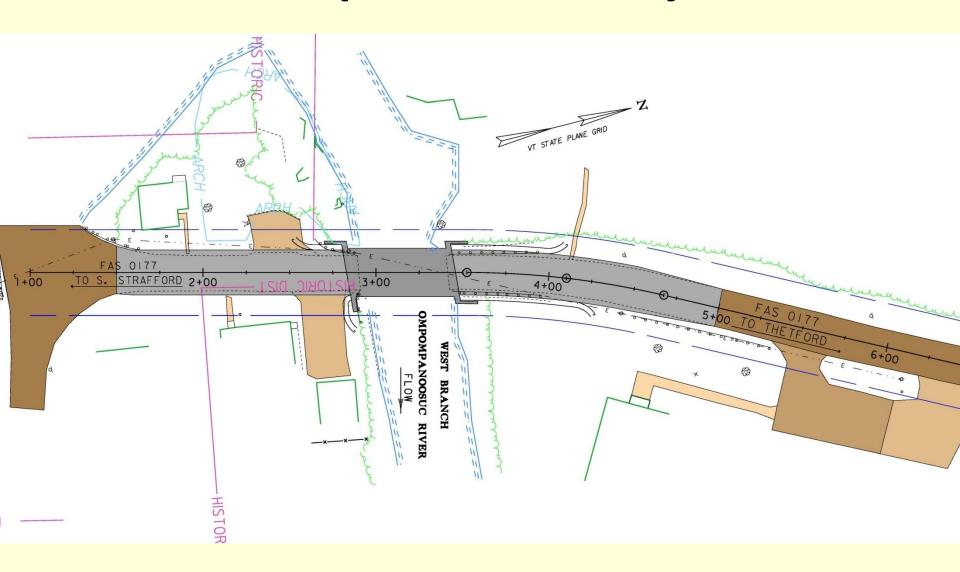
## **Bridge Typical**



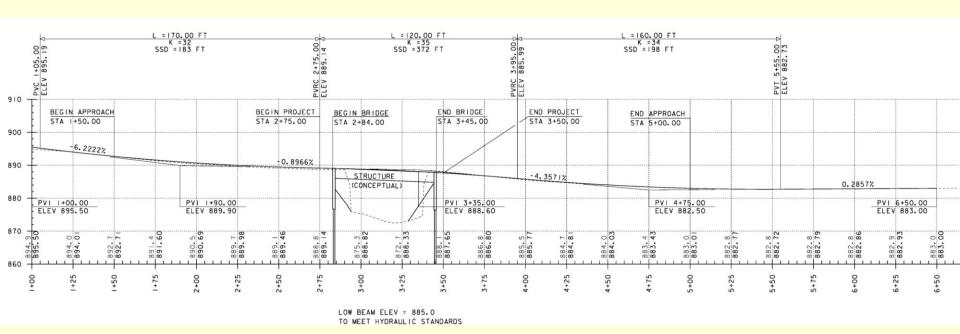
## **Roadway Typical**



## **Full Replacement - Layout**



## Full Replacement - Profile



#### Recommendation on Alternatives

- VAOT recommends Complete bridge replacement
- Good funding sources from Federal/State (90-95%)
- Long-term fix

Methods to maintain traffic will be based on recommended alternative

## **Methods to Maintain Traffic**

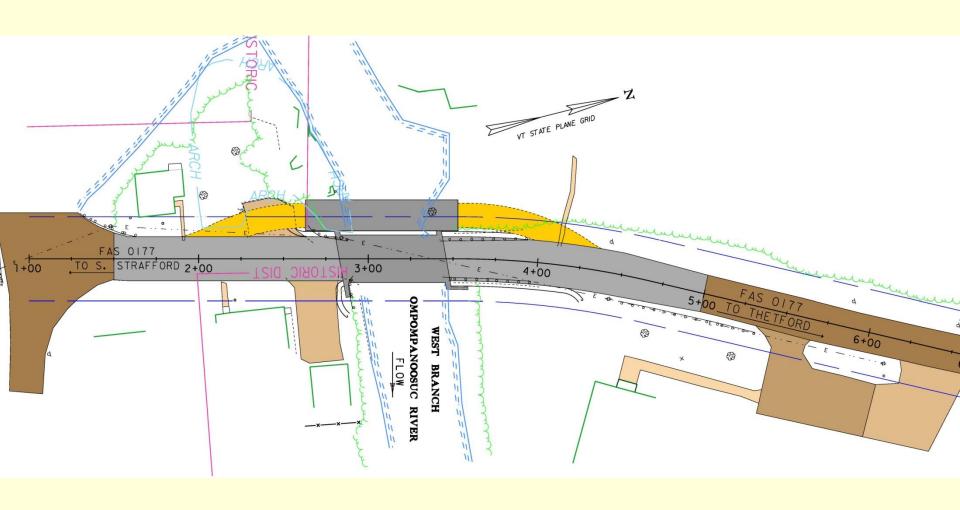
- Temporary Bridge
- Phased Construction
- ABC w/ short-term bridge closure

## **Methods to Maintain Traffic**

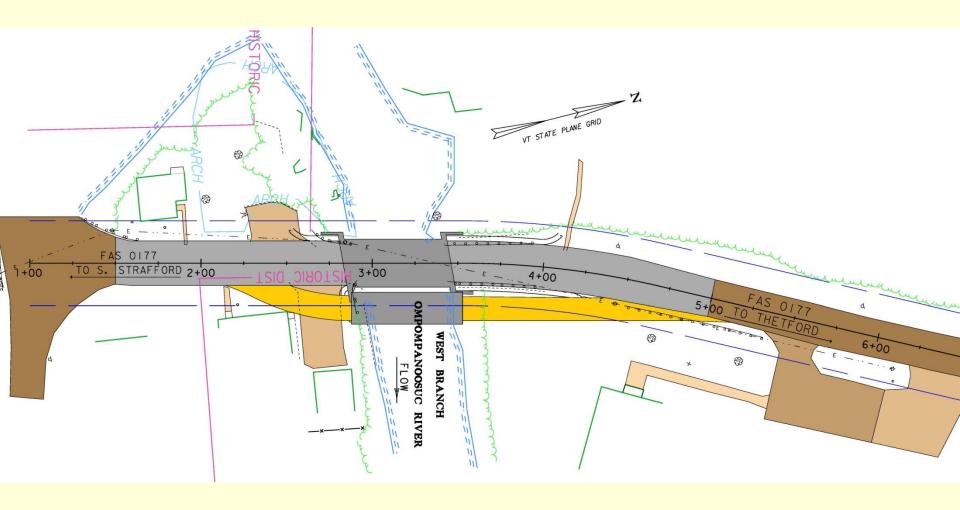
#### Temporary Bridge

- One-lane bridge with alternating traffic (no lights)
- Traffic congestion and/or conflicts w/ one-lane
- Environmental & Property Impacts
- Long project development process
- High cost of development and construction
- Consider both sides for possible location

## **Temporary Bridge - Upstream**



## **Temporary Bridge - Downstream**

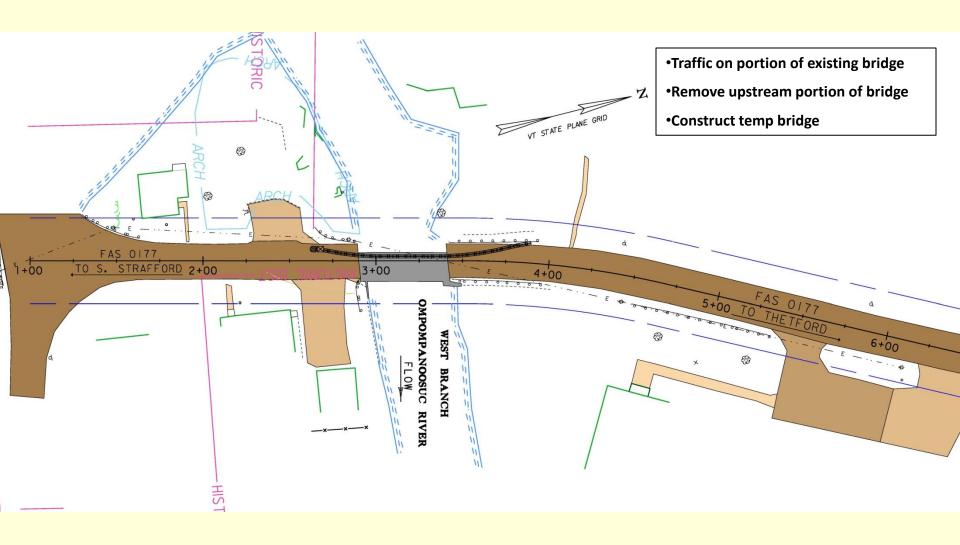


## **Methods to Maintain Traffic**

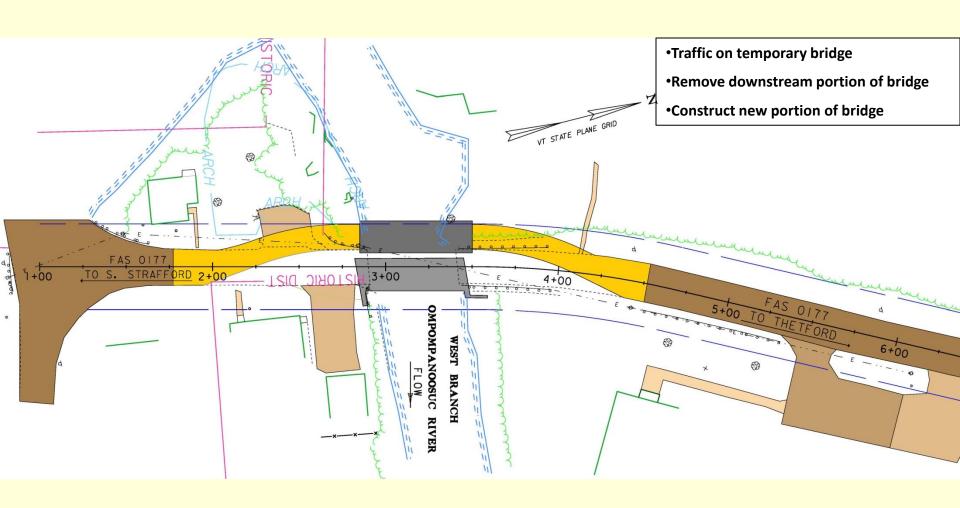
#### **Phased Construction**

- Traffic congestion and/or conflicts due to one-lane
- Much longer construction phase
- Safety concerns w/ motorists near workers
- Need 3 phases due to existing narrow bridge width

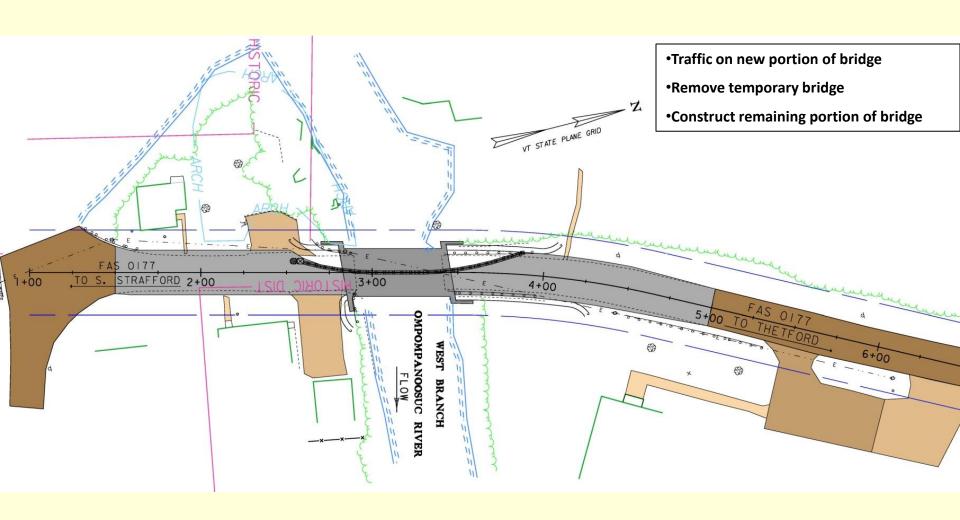
## **Phased Construction – Phase 1**



## **Phased Construction – Phase 2**



## **Phased Construction—Phase 3**



## **Methods to Maintain Traffic**

#### Short-term bridge closure with detour

Recommended method to be discussed further

## **ABC** with Bridge Closure Option

- Bridge 29 to be closed for 28 days (maximum)
- Allow 24/7 construction during bridge closure
- Contract incentives/dis-incentives to encourage contractor
- Community would have input on time of closure (between June 1 and September 1)
- Town will be responsible for detour route
- Public Outreach to provide advance notice for planning
- Local share will be cut in half (10% reduced to 5%)-

#### **Accelerated Bridge Construction Examples**

- We have been using ABC methods to build bridges since 2007 on approximately 20 projects.
- The following slides show some examples of past projects

#### **Accelerated Bridge Construction**



Driven steel piles with precast concrete cap for abutment



The first of three Precast Concrete Caps being placed



**Precast concrete Abutment in place and ready for Superstructure** 



**Precast Concrete NEXT Beam lifted into place** 



The second NEXT Beam being placed



Three NEXT Beams in place with the final unit ready



Precast Bridge Unit (PBU) delivered to site



**Precast Bridge Unit (PBU) lifted onto abutments** 



**Precast Bridge Units (PBUs) connected together** 

#### **Alternatives Matrix**

|                                    | Rehabilitation | Replacement<br>w/ ABC and<br>off-site detour | Replacement w/<br>Temporary<br>Bridge | Replacement w/<br>Phased Const. |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Maintenance of Traffic             | \$25,000       | \$25,000                                     | \$200,000                             | \$50,000                        |
|                                    |                |  |                                       |                                 |
| Construction w/ CE + Contingencies | \$232,700      | \$1,093,800                                  | \$1,333,800                           | \$1,306,300                     |
| Preliminary Engineering            | \$62,700       | \$218,800                                    | \$266,800                             | \$261,300                       |
| Right of Way                       | \$0            | \$54,000                                     | \$85,400                              | \$69,700                        |
| Total Project Cost                 | \$295,400      | \$1,366,600                                  | \$1,686,000                           | \$1,637,300                     |
| Town Share                         | \$14,770 (5%)  | \$68,330 (5%)                                | \$168,600 (10%)                       | \$163,730 (10%)                 |
| Design Life                        | 20 Years       | 80 Years                                     | 80 Years                              | 80 Years                        |
| Project Development<br>Duration    | 1 year         | 4 years                                      | 4 years                               | 4 years                         |
| Construction Duration              | 4 months       | 6 months                                     | 18 months                             | 18 months                       |
| Closure Duration                   | None           | 28 days                                      | None                                  | None                            |

#### **Conclusion and Recommendation**

- Full Bridge Replacement using ABC & short-term closure
- Long term (80 year) fix
- Addresses all sub-standard features
- Project Development time minimized
- Minimal mobility impacts
- Minimal impact to environmental resources
- Minimal impact to adjacent property owners
- Takes advantage of reduced local share for closure---

#### **Next Steps**

This is a list of a few important activities expected in the near future and is not a complete list of activities.

- Wait to hear Town response to recommendation
- Develop Conceptual Plans
- Request another public meeting (if necessary)
- Environmental process (historics)

# Questions



https://outside.vermont.gov/agency/vtrans/external/Projects/Structures/13J088